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SUBJECT: OASGA: PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS, MAY 15 - CUBA
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1. THURSDAY MORNING PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS SESSION HAD BEEN EXPECTED TO CONSIDER THE JOINT VENEZUELAN, ECUADOR, PERU RESOLUTION ON THE TRADE ACT, AND POSSIBLY THE COSTA RICA PROPOSAL TO DEFER CONSIDERATION TO NEXT YEAR'S GA OF THE REPORT ON CHILE OF THE IA-HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION. LATER WEDNESDAY EVENING HOWEVER, MEXICO DISTRIBUTED A DRAFT DECLARATION ON THE PROTOCOL OF AMENDMENT TO THE RIO TREATY. THE DRAFT WAS ALSO CO-SPONSORED BY COLOMBIA, COSTA RICA, PERU, AND JAMAICA. AT THE BEGINNING OF THE THURSDAY MORNING SESSION MEXICO READ ITS DRAFT DECLARATION. REST OF SESSION SPENT DISCUSSING IT. IN EFFECT, THE DECLARATION IS A STATEMENT OF INTENT QTE TO LEAVE WITHOUT EFFECT UNQTE (DEJAR SIN EFECTO) THE SANCTIONS ON CUBA,
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ONCE THE PROTOCOL OF AMENDMENT COMPLETED AT A MEETING PLANNED TO BE HELD IN SAN JOSE IN JULY. (SEE SEPTTEL)

2. JAMAICA WITHDREW ITS CO-SPONSORSHIP ON THE GROUNDS THAT

IT WAS NOT A SIGNER OF THE RIO TREATY. COSTA RICA, HONDURAS, GRENADA, PERU, ECUADOR AND VENEZUELA ARGUED IN FAVOR OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GROUNDS THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AS A POLITICAL BODY IS A PROPER PLACE TO ADDRESS THE POLITICAL ISSUE OF THE SANCTIONS. NICARAGUA, URUGUAY, CHILE, PARAGUAY, THE US; GUATEMALA, AND BRAZIL IN THAT ORDER, OPPOSED HAVING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAKE SUCH A DECLARATION ON THE GROUNDS THAT:

1) SUCH A STATEMENT IS IMPROPER PRIOR TO THE REVISIONS TO THE TREATY EXPECTED TO BE MADE AT THE SAN JOSE MEETING AND

2) AN ATTEMPT TO CHANGE JURIDICAL PROCEDURES BY POLITICAL DECLARATION SETS A DANGEROUS PRECEDENT.

3. ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS CALLED FOR A CONSENSUAL APPROACH TO THE ISSUE AND EXPRESSED DOUBT THAT WE SHOULD FORCE THE ISSUE TO A VOTE NOW. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE SAN JOSE MEETING COULD, IN ADDITION TO CONSIDERING THE REVISION OF THE RIO TREATY, ALSO CONSIDER INTERIM STEPS FOR IMPLEMENTING THE REVISED TREATY.

4. THE CHAIRMAN DECIDED TO SEND THE DRAFT DECLARATION TO COMMITTEE I (POLITICAL AND JURIDICAL MATTERS) FOR CONSIDERATION. KISSINGER

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